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**Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Sweden***Minister for Foreign Affairs***Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-
proliferation and Disarmament**

Dear PNND,

Thank you for your letter concerning nuclear disarmament, addressed to Prime Minister Löfven and myself. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on behalf of the Swedish Government.

The Nuclear Security Summit reconfirmed the joint global commitment to prevent nuclear terrorism. International cooperation is key to successfully achieve that goal, but also to reach success overall within the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. I therefore welcome the work of PNND, and also the work of your partner Mayors for Peace. It is of great importance that elected representatives on all levels contribute and work for a world without nuclear-weapons.

The Swedish Government has a strong commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Recently we announced that the Government will appoint a special ambassador for international disarmament efforts. In addition, we have already appointed a Swedish Delegation on International Law and Disarmament, and one of its tasks is to suggest concrete steps for further efforts for international disarmament. As a champion of strengthened international cooperation, the Swedish Government has also re-engaged in the global work against nuclear arms. Building on Sweden's proud tradition as a constructive actor in nuclear disarmament we have joined the Humanitarian Initiative, and re-joined the De-alerting Group. In the re-established Open-ended working Group under the UNGA, which you are mentioning, we actively pursue new disarmament measures. We work tirelessly to support verification of disarmament. Sweden is co-chair of the technical cooperation project initiated by the US, together with Nuclear Threat Initiative, regarding exactly this.

Thank you once again for the work of PNND.

Yours sincerely,


Margot Wallström